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westa...coma...come west," and that's his connection. Maybe he ate a taco. Maybe he knows how to make hot tamales. But this person, from my standpoint, would not be the one to be described as representing the minority point of view. Those of us who insist on that type of diversity are interested in somebody who clearly is of minority background, ethnicity, ancestry. I've said on this floor, we have people as white as you all are on this floor; they will always, though, have lived as a black person, functioned as a black person, have relatives who clearly are black people. My own mother fits that description. But to have this person declared to be the minority representative is something that I will not agree with, I will not consent to.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That will not cause me to vote against the person, maybe. But we had a person some years ago who said he was white when he was not, but he thought that would get him an appointment to the Parole Board. These are serious matters with me, and I'm not going to let them pass without exploring them and explaining some things which my colleagues may be unaware of. And that's a role and function that I ought to serve here. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Schrock, followed by Senator Aguilar and Senator Chambers.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, I do have a letter here from Senator Preister on behalf of this individual, and I think the man is very qualified. I'm not going to quarrel with Senator Chambers about his ethnic background and whether he is suited to represent the minority interest, but he does have a lot of interest in minority issues and multicultural issues. He also is a graduate of Technical High School, and he is very knowledgeable on the lead issues and the...that was caused...and the problems that have been caused in Omaha because of ASARCO, Senator Chambers. And we did talk to him about that, so I think he's very committed to the position, I think he's very committed to the issues in Omaha, especially the ASARCO issue. So you know, that's my report, and I guess I'll leave it at that. But if you have any other questions and you would want to delay this